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Inspection Date: March 23, 2016

Subsequent Visit Date(s): March 7, 2016
August 31, 2016

Technical Assistance Date(s): January 25, 2016
May 6, 2016

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INTRODUCTION

The new Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards are in the process of being adopted, therefore the 20th annual evaluation of the LaPorte County Juvenile Services Center consisted of an audit of the current 26 mandatory compliance standards or the corresponding 16 newly proposed mandatory compliance standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards is required to attain “Full Compliance”.

FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility county	LaPorte
Governing authority	LaPorte Circuit Court
Name of facility administrator	Erika C. Stallworth
Detention facility’s mission	The purpose of the LaPorte County Dorothy S. Crowley Juvenile Services Center (JSC) is to provide

	<p>services and programs to the juvenile Courts of LaPorte County. The primary goal is to effectively service the troubled and at-risk youth of the County by intervening in the least restrictive manner different than and separately from adults. The Facility is structured to provide services to juveniles as opposed to being punitive, and protects juveniles from abuses that might occur in adult institutions.</p> <p>All programs will meet applicable Constitutional, Federal, and State Laws, Local Ordinances, and standards and regulations set forth by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Indiana Department of Child Services, the Indiana Department of Correction, and the American Correctional Association.</p>
Rated capacity	12
Population on date of audit	3
Average daily population for the last 12 months	6.3
Average length of stay for the last 12 months	15.8 days
Year the building was built	1992
Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings)	Maintenance is currently seeking bids to paint the cells
Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system)	All secure doors were serviced and a quote was requested for the replacement of the main exit door.
De-escalation techniques training	Therapeutic Crisis Intervention (TCI)
Physical force techniques training	Therapeutic Crisis Intervention (TCI)
Chemical agents permitted	No
Name of food service provider	LaPorte County Juvenile Services Center
Name of food service supervisor	Kathleen Wilfong
Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification	Michael Brown, MD
Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification	Joseph Bunch, LCSW

INSPECTION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH 16 MANDATORY STANDARDS

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File Review of the 16 mandatory standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zero (0) standards were identified as non-applicable, and zero (0) mandatory standards were found to be non-compliant. • LaPorte County Juvenile Services Center was in compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards.
Facility Tour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Center appeared clean, and the residents' furniture was functional and in good condition. • Sleeping room shower areas were in need of fresh paint to cover graffiti
Youth Interviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two male youth, both with three or more previous detention stays, were interviewed about their experiences at the Center. • Youth reported, without hesitation, feeling safe at the facility. • Youth did not make complaints or provide recommendations.
Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to conduct safety and security inspections along with maintenance inspection on a regular basis. Repairs need to be completed. • Use more of the standard language in policy and procedure.

SUBSEQUENT ANNOUNCED AND/OR UNANNOUNCED VISIT(S)

On 3/7/2016, a subsequent visit was conducted of the LaPorte County Juvenile Center by Chance Sweat. The facility tour was conducted by Assistant Director Orr, and youth were observed participating in education classes. The facility population count was 2. All youth appeared to be in good health. All areas of the facility appeared to be well maintained, and sanitation was found to be satisfactory. The food service and medical departments were well maintained and organized. During the tour, Mr. Orr advised the LaPorte County maintenance staff and fire Protection Company were in the process of conducting the facility annual fire alarm inspection.

On 8/31/2016, a second subsequent visit was conducted of the LaPorte County Juvenile Center by Chance Sweat. The facility tour was conducted by Assistant Director Orr, and youth were observed participating in education classes. The facility population count was 5 youth. All youth appeared to be in good health. All areas of the facility appeared to be well maintained, and sanitation was found to be satisfactory. The food service and medical departments were well maintained and organized. During the tour, Mr. Orr advised the Crowder Lock Company would be working on the facility doors and locking systems in the very near future.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE VISIT(S)

The LaPorte County Juvenile Services Center's education technical assistance visit occurred on 1/25/16 and was conducted by Laurie Elliott. The education program operates year round with instructional days of six hours. Instruction is delivered via an on-site, licensed classroom teacher either utilizing a curriculum created at the facility, overseeing an approved online instructional

program, or facilitating work assigned from the juvenile's home school. The method of instruction depends on the juvenile's need. Program staff includes one full-time teacher and one part-time aide.

The LaPorte County Juvenile Services Center's training and development technical assistance visit occurred on 5/6/16 and was conducted by Chance Sweat and Kristin Herrmann. The technical assistance provided included identifying key changes to the standards, answering questions, and discussing the facility's training plan.

CONCLUSION

LaPorte County Juvenile Services Center is in full compliance with the 2016 Indiana Detention Center Standards Audit performed by the Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services.

A certificate of compliance will accompany this report, which becomes public information ten (10) days from the date of mailing.

Please contact me at (317) 607-6507 should you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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